

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A system for securing a visible facing object to a rigid supporting structure using fastening means, said system including

a supporting structure,

a visible facing object of stone or similar frangible material having an exterior viewable surface and edges around its periphery,

fastening means fixed with respect to the supporting structure for securing the visible facing object to the supporting structure by wedging the fastening means against the facing object,

said fastening means being indistinguishable from the area surrounding the fastening means from a ~~very short~~ distance ~~away~~, of about 2-4 feet during daylight conditions,

said fastening means further being vandal proof using conventional tools,

~~that portion of the fastening means which is visible only within a very short distance away is~~ being activateable only by modified conventional tool means,

the fastening means including a small access hole in the visible facing object, said access holes being located inwardly from the peripheral edges thereof.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The system of claim 1 further characterized in that
the visible facing object has a design on the exterior viewable surface thereof,

said access hole is being located in a the design on the exterior viewable surface of the visible facing object,

at least a portion of the design on the ~~visible~~ viewable surface of the visible facing object is linear,

the ~~size~~ widest dimension of the access hole being the same or substantially the same as that portion of the ~~linear~~ design within which it is located.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 1 further characterized in that
the fastening means includes screw means having a screw head for securing the visible facing object to the rigid supporting structure,
~~the aligned~~ aligning means in the screw head for receiving an actuating tool, is said aligning means including a ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket and

the tool is a ~~torx~~ star screwdriver.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 9 further characterized,

firstly, in that the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket in the screw head is of a size different from the size ~~of~~ required by a standard conventional ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket, and

secondly, in that the size of the head of the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver is different from a standard conventional ~~torx~~ star screwdriver head.

11. (currently amended) The system of claim 10 further characterized in that

the size of the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket in the screw head ~~of the rivet nut screw~~ and the size of the head of the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver are mating intermediate ~~standard conventional~~ torx star screwdriver sizes.

12. (currently amended) A system for securing a visible facing object to a rigid supporting structure using fastening means whereby, in use, the fastening means is indistinguishable from the area surrounding the fastening means from a ~~very short~~ distance ~~away~~ of about 2-4 feet during daylight conditions and virtually vandal proof, said system including

a supporting structure,

a visible facing object of stone or similar frangible material, and

fastening means fixed with respect to the supporting structure for securing the visible facing object to the supporting structure by wedging the fastening means against the facing object,

said fastening means being indistinguishable from the area surrounding the fastening means from a ~~very short~~ distance of about 2-4 feet during daylight conditions away,

said fastening means further being virtually vandal proof,

the fastening means is accessible through a small access hole in the exterior, viewable surface of the visible facing object extending part way into the body thereof, and further including

a ~~larger~~ large access hole in the interior hidden surface of the visible facing object which is axially concentric with the ~~smaller~~ small access hole and extends into the body of said object from the interior surface thereof until it connects with the small access hole,

an opening in the supporting structure of a size suitable to slidably receive the threaded end of a rivet nut,

a rivet nut screw having a head received in the ~~larger~~ access hole,

a tube surrounding the rivet nut screw and extending between the rivet nut ~~in its as-made condition~~ and the base of the large access hole,

the size of the large access hole being slightly larger than (a) the diameter of the head of the rivet nut screw and (b) twice the thickness of the wall of the tube,

the head of the screw having means aligned with the small access hole to receive a tool for activating the rivet nut,

the aligned means in the screw head for receiving an actuating tool is a ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket and

the tool is a ~~torx~~ star screwdriver, and further characterized

firstly, in that the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket in the screw head is of a size different from the size of a ~~standard~~ conventional ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket of a conventional size, and

secondly, in that the size of the head of the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver is different from a ~~standard~~ conventional ~~torx~~ star screwdriver head,

the size of the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket in the head of the rivet nut screw and the size of the head of the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver are different from intermediate standard conventional ~~torx~~ star screwdriver sizes,

the end of the tube which is received in the large access hole is slotted to form prongs which may be expanded outwardly thereby increasing wedging pressure on the wall of the hole upon application of the head of the screw upon the prongs.

13. (original) The system of claim 12 further characterized in that the visible facing object is a faceplate of a columbarium.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 12 further characterized in that the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver socket in the head of the rivet nut screw includes a centrally located center pin, and

the head of the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver includes a recess which receives the center pin

to thereby place the ~~torx~~ star screwdriver into operative engagement with the rivet nut screw.

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) A system for securing a visible facing object to a rigid supporting structure using fastening means whereby, in use, the fastening means is indistinguishable from the exterior viewable surface of ~~the visible surface of the~~ facing object surrounding the fastening means from ~~a very short distance away~~ about 2-4 feet during daylight conditions and ~~virtually~~ vandal proof, said system including

a supporting structure,

a visible facing object of stone or similar frangible material, and

fastening means fixed with respect to the supporting structure for securing the visible facing object to the supporting structure by wedging the fastening means against the facing object,

said fastening means being indistinguishable from the area surrounding the fastening means from ~~a very short distance away~~ about 2-4 feet during daylight conditions,

the fastening means being accessible through a small access hole in the exterior, viewable surface of the visible facing object extending part way into the body thereof, and further including

a ~~larger~~ large access hole in the interior hidden surface of the visible facing object which is axially concentric with the ~~smaller~~ small access hole and extends into the body of said object from the interior surface thereof until it connects with the small access hole,

an opening in the supporting structure of a size suitable to slidably receive the threaded end of a rivet nut,

a rivet nut screw having a head received in the ~~larger~~ large access hole,

a tube surrounding the rivet nut screw and extending between the rivet nut ~~in its as made condition~~ and the base of the ~~larger~~ large access hole,

the size of the large access hole being slightly larger than (a) the diameter of the head of the rivet nut screw and (b) twice the thickness of the wall of the tube,

the head of the screw having means aligned with the small access hole to receive a tool for activating the rivet nut,

said fastening means further being virtually vandal proof.

23. (previously amended) In a method of assembling and disassembling a facing object of stone or similar frangible material having an access aperture to a structure located behind the facing object, said method being virtually vandal proof, the steps of

providing anchor means which, when activated, becomes fixed to the structure,

providing fastening means aligned with the access aperture for assembling and disassembling the facing object to the structure by wedging pressure after the anchor means is fixed to the structure,

activating the fastening means initially by a tool to permanently fix the anchor means to the structure and simultaneously fasten the facing object to the structure, and

thereafter activating the fastening means by said tool to disassemble the facing object from the structure while the fixed anchor means remains fixed to the structure,

said fastening means fixing the facing object to the structure by wedging pressure exerted by the fastening means against the surface of a cavity located within the facing object, and

thereafter assembling and disassembling the facing object to the structure any desired number of times by alternately applying and releasing the wedging pressure, all the while the anchor means remains fixed to the structure.